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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://earthquake.usgs.gov/ws/designmaps/>. The page title is "Seismic Design Web Service Documentation". A yellow box contains a disclaimer about the preliminary nature of the software. Below this, the "Reference Document End Points" section lists links for ASCE7, ASCE41, NEHRP, and IBC standards. A red box with the number "2" highlights the ASCE7 links. A large red box on the right contains two numbered instructions: 1. Using a web browser such as Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox, go to <https://earthquake.usgs.gov/ws/designmaps> 2. Click on design document of interest, such as 2016 ASCE 7 Standard (ASCE 7-16)

Seismic Design Web Service Documentation

Web services provided by the U.S. Geological Survey for computing seismic design parameters compatible with various building code reference documents.

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Reference Document End Points

ASCE7

- [2016 ASCE 7 Standard \(ASCE7-16\)](#)
- [2010 ASCE 7 Standard \(ASCE7-10\)](#)
- [2005 ASCE 7 Standard \(ASCE7-05\)](#)

ASCE41

- [2017 ASCE 41 Standard \(ASCE41-17\)](#)
- [2013 ASCE 41 Standard \(ASCE41-13\)](#)

NEHRP

- [2009 NEHRP Standard \(NEHRP-2009\)](#)
- [2015 NEHRP Standard \(NEHRP-2015\)](#)

IBC

- [2012 IBC Standard \(IBC-2012\)](#)
- [2015 IBC Standard \(IBC-2015\)](#)

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Example **3**

Request

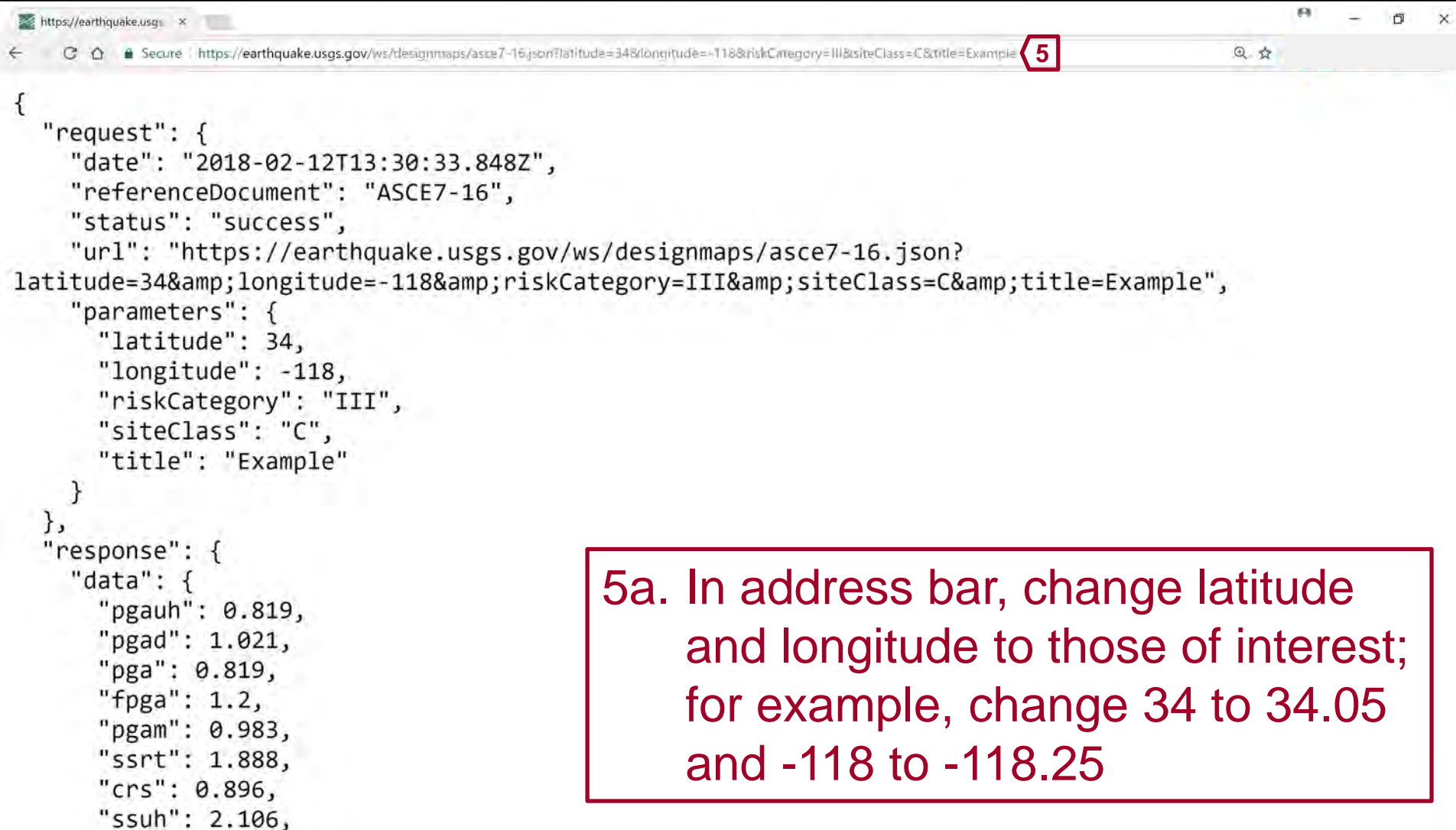
<https://earthquake.usgs.gov/ws/designmaps/asce7-16.json?latitude=34&longitude=-118&riskCategory=III&siteClass=C&title=Example> **4**

Response

```
{
  "request": {
    "date": "2017-09-20T17:49:41.425Z",
    "referenceDocument": "ASCE7-16",
    "status": "success",
    "url": "http://localhost/ws/designmaps/asce7-16.json?latitude=34&longitude=-118&riskCategory=III&siteClass=C&title=Example",
    "parameters": {
      "latitude": 34,
      "longitude": -118,
      "riskCategory": "III",
      "siteClass": "C",
      "title": "Example"
    }
  }
}
```

3. Scroll down to Example
4. Click on example request

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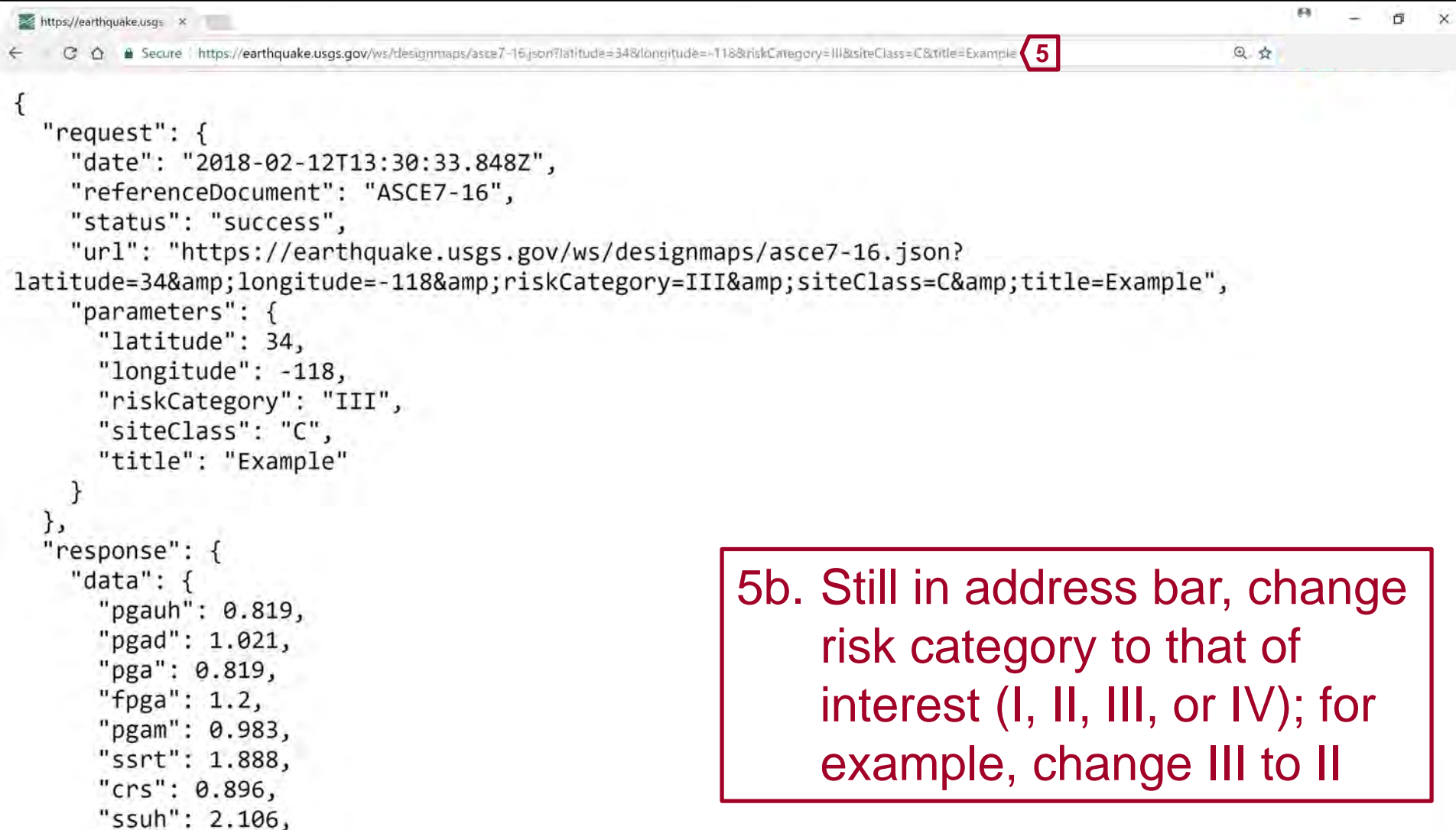


https://earthquake.usgs.gov/ws/designmaps/asce7-16.json?latitude=34&longitude=-118&riskCategory=III&siteClass=C&title=Example **5**

```
{
  "request": {
    "date": "2018-02-12T13:30:33.848Z",
    "referenceDocument": "ASCE7-16",
    "status": "success",
    "url": "https://earthquake.usgs.gov/ws/designmaps/asce7-16.json?latitude=34&longitude=-118&riskCategory=III&siteClass=C&title=Example",
    "parameters": {
      "latitude": 34,
      "longitude": -118,
      "riskCategory": "III",
      "siteClass": "C",
      "title": "Example"
    }
  },
  "response": {
    "data": {
      "pgauh": 0.819,
      "pgad": 1.021,
      "pga": 0.819,
      "fpga": 1.2,
      "pgam": 0.983,
      "ssrt": 1.888,
      "crs": 0.896,
      "ssuh": 2.106,
    }
  }
}
```

5a. In address bar, change latitude and longitude to those of interest; for example, change 34 to 34.05 and -118 to -118.25

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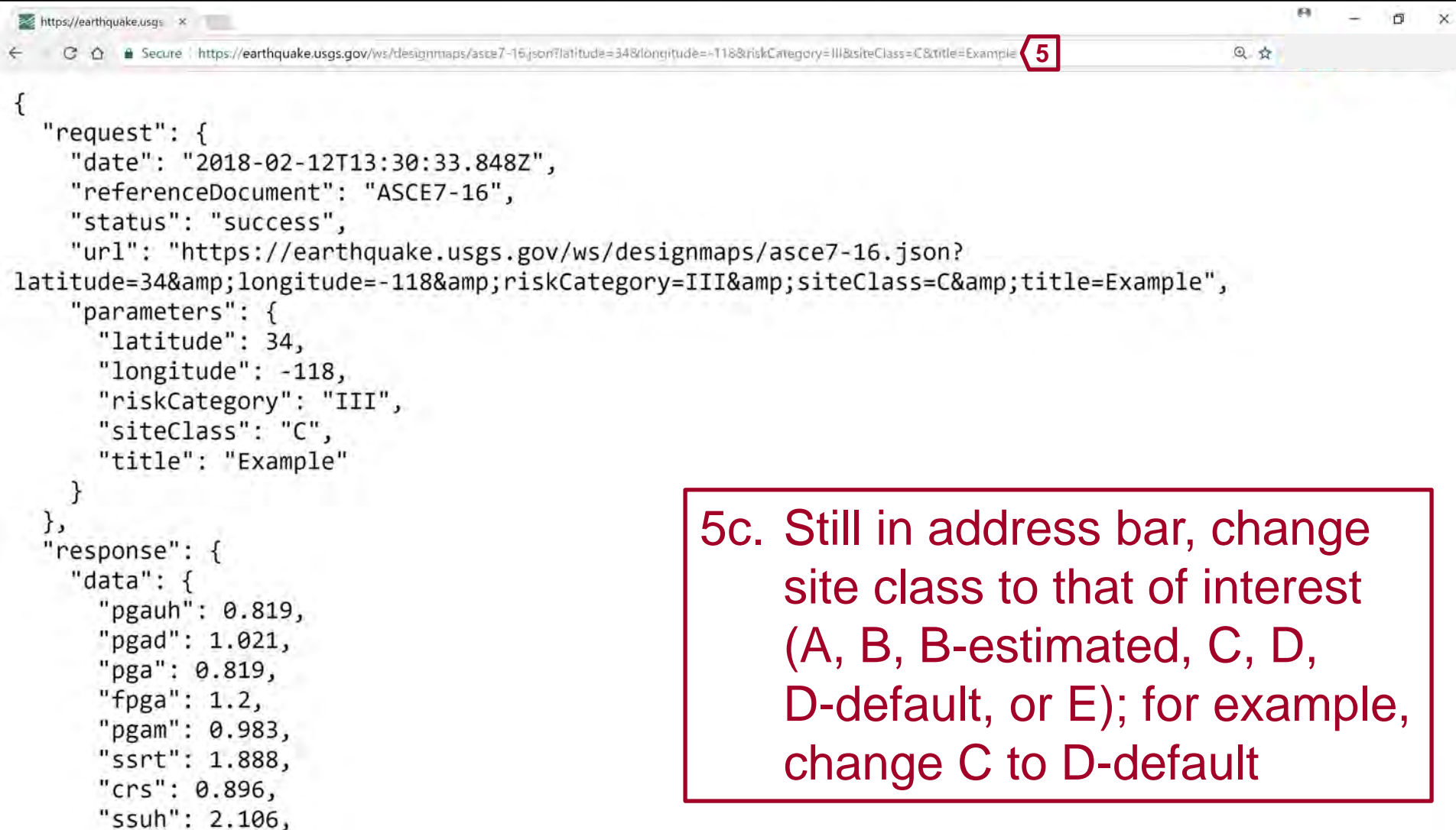


5

```
{
  "request": {
    "date": "2018-02-12T13:30:33.848Z",
    "referenceDocument": "ASCE7-16",
    "status": "success",
    "url": "https://earthquake.usgs.gov/ws/designmaps/asce7-16.json?latitude=34&longitude=-118&riskCategory=III&siteClass=C&title=Example",
    "parameters": {
      "latitude": 34,
      "longitude": -118,
      "riskCategory": "III",
      "siteClass": "C",
      "title": "Example"
    }
  },
  "response": {
    "data": {
      "pgauh": 0.819,
      "pgad": 1.021,
      "pga": 0.819,
      "fpga": 1.2,
      "pgam": 0.983,
      "ssrt": 1.888,
      "crs": 0.896,
      "ssuh": 2.106,
    }
  }
}
```

5b. Still in address bar, change risk category to that of interest (I, II, III, or IV); for example, change III to II

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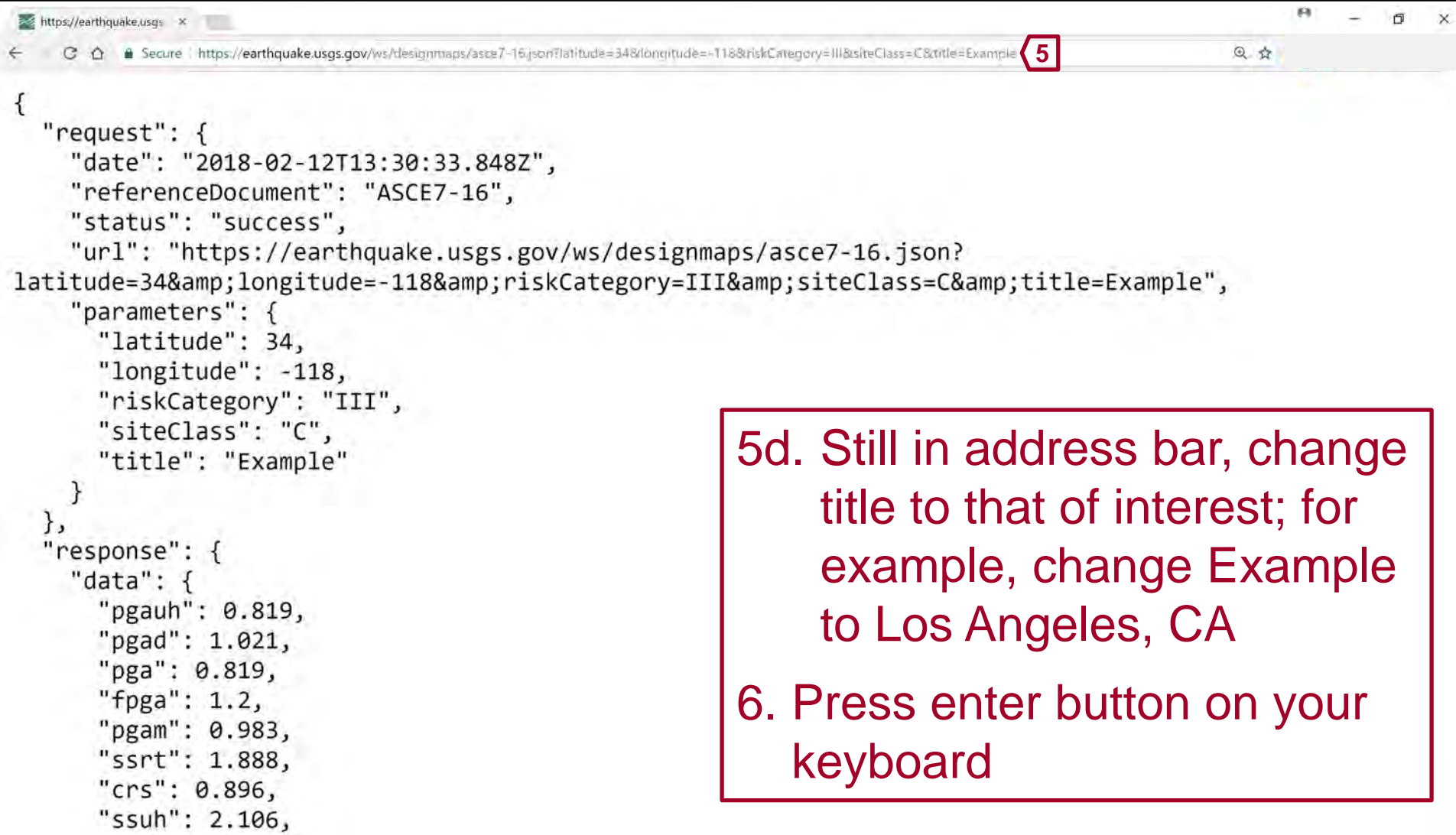


https://earthquake.usgs.gov/ws/designmaps/asce7-16.json?latitude=34&longitude=-118&riskCategory=III&siteClass=C&title=Example **5**

```
{
  "request": {
    "date": "2018-02-12T13:30:33.848Z",
    "referenceDocument": "ASCE7-16",
    "status": "success",
    "url": "https://earthquake.usgs.gov/ws/designmaps/asce7-16.json?latitude=34&longitude=-118&riskCategory=III&siteClass=C&title=Example",
    "parameters": {
      "latitude": 34,
      "longitude": -118,
      "riskCategory": "III",
      "siteClass": "C",
      "title": "Example"
    }
  },
  "response": {
    "data": {
      "pgauh": 0.819,
      "pgad": 1.021,
      "pga": 0.819,
      "fpga": 1.2,
      "pgam": 0.983,
      "ssrt": 1.888,
      "crs": 0.896,
      "ssuh": 2.106,
    }
  }
}
```

5c. Still in address bar, change site class to that of interest (A, B, B-estimated, C, D, D-default, or E); for example, change C to D-default

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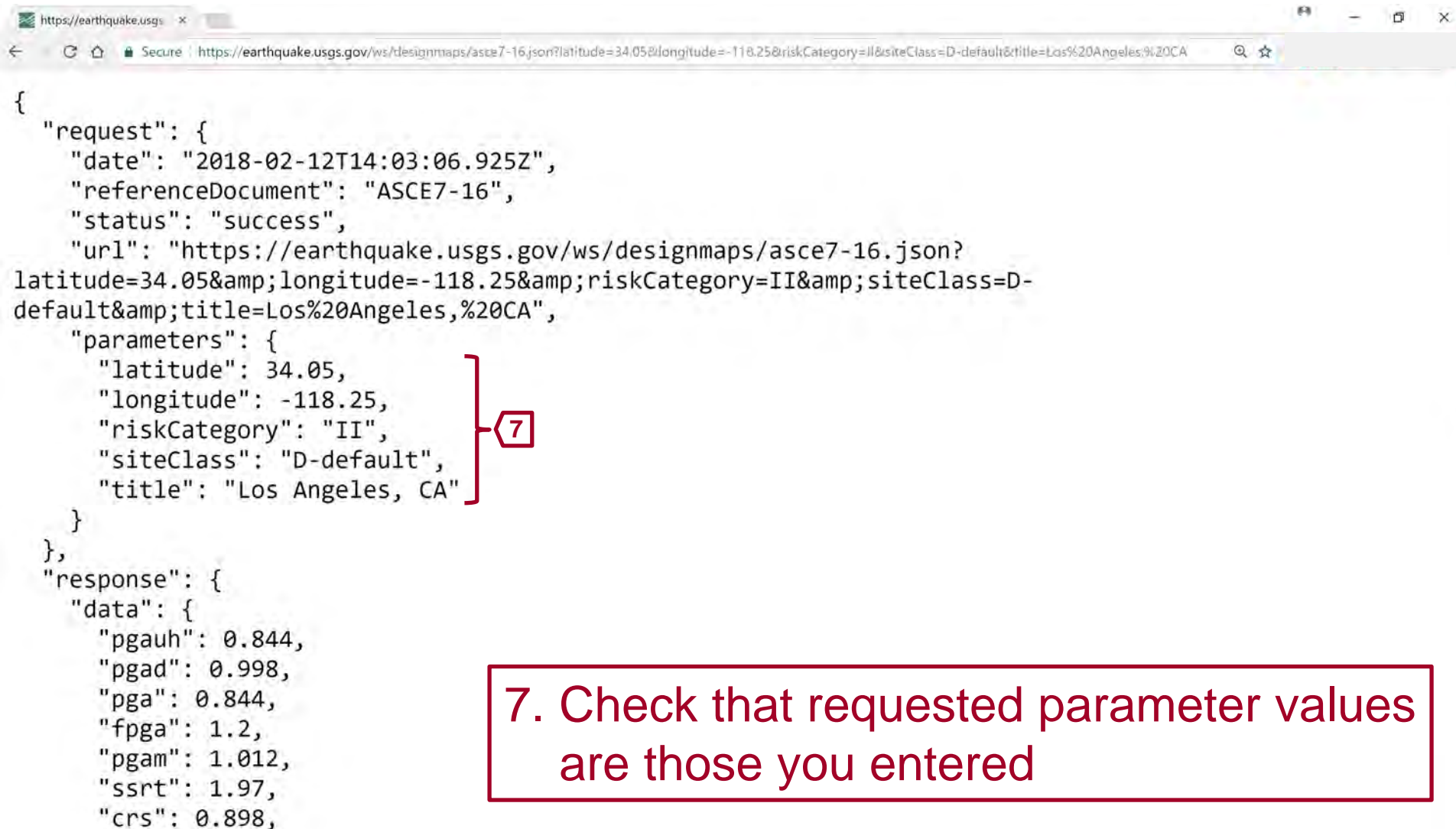
5

```
{
  "request": {
    "date": "2018-02-12T13:30:33.848Z",
    "referenceDocument": "ASCE7-16",
    "status": "success",
    "url": "https://earthquake.usgs.gov/ws/designmaps/asce7-16.json?
latitude=34&longitude=-118&riskCategory=III&siteClass=C&title=Example",
    "parameters": {
      "latitude": 34,
      "longitude": -118,
      "riskCategory": "III",
      "siteClass": "C",
      "title": "Example"
    }
  },
  "response": {
    "data": {
      "pgauh": 0.819,
      "pgad": 1.021,
      "pga": 0.819,
      "fpga": 1.2,
      "pgam": 0.983,
      "ssrt": 1.888,
      "crs": 0.896,
      "ssuh": 2.106,
    }
  }
}
```

5d. Still in address bar, change title to that of interest; for example, change Example to Los Angeles, CA

6. Press enter button on your keyboard

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```
{
  "request": {
    "date": "2018-02-12T14:03:06.925Z",
    "referenceDocument": "ASCE7-16",
    "status": "success",
    "url": "https://earthquake.usgs.gov/ws/designmaps/asce7-16.json?
latitude=34.05&longitude=-118.25&riskCategory=II&siteClass=D-
default&title=Los%20Angeles,%20CA",
    "parameters": {
      "latitude": 34.05,
      "longitude": -118.25,
      "riskCategory": "II",
      "siteClass": "D-default",
      "title": "Los Angeles, CA"
    }
  },
  "response": {
    "data": {
      "pgauh": 0.844,
      "pgad": 0.998,
      "pga": 0.844,
      "fpga": 1.2,
      "pgam": 1.012,
      "ssrt": 1.97,
      "crs": 0.898,

```

7. Check that requested parameter values are those you entered

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```
https://earthquake.usgs.gov/ws/designmaps/asce7-16.json?latitude=34.05&longitude=-118.25&riskCategory=II&siteClass=D-default&title=Los%20Angeles,%20CA

"response": {
  "data": {
    "pgauh": 0.844,
    "pgad": 0.998,
    "pga": 0.844,
    "fpga": 1.2,
    "pgam": 1.012,
    "ssrt": 1.97,
    "crs": 0.898,
    "ssuh": 2.193,
    "ssd": 2.467,
    "ss": 1.97,
    "fa": 1.2,
    "sms": 2.364,
    "sds": 1.576,
    "sdcs": "D",
    "s1rt": 0.701,
    "cr1": 0.898,
    "s1uh": 0.781,
    "s1d": 0.786,
    "s1": 0.701,
    "fv": null,
    "fv_note": "See Section 11.4.8",
    "sm1": null,
    "sd1": null,
    "sdc1": null
  }
}
```

8. Scroll down to response data
9. Read S_S , F_a , S_{MS} , S_{DS} , etc (see [documentation](#) for parameter definitions)